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## Monday Notebook

### BREAKING NEWS

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Oscar Mendez IV - Staff Photographer

These sisters' genetic disposition may make it easier for the oldest to find greater success in the business world.

## Study Says Eldest Child More Successful

BY ALEXANDRIA MCGAUGHEY  
Contributing Writer

First-born children are smarter than their latter born siblings and more successful in business, according to research conducted by Norwegian scientists.

The study, which was conducted as a part of Norway's compulsory military board exam, took a closer look at 244,000 males between the ages of 18 and 19. Analysis of the data showed that the eldest children's IQ was 2.3 points higher on average.

At the request of *USA Today*, Vistage, the world's largest CEO organization, surveyed its members to see if they could find a correlation with the Norwegian study. The survey results found that older siblings are not only smarter, but are better at business as well.

Though the 2.3 gap in IQ may seem marginal, the study showed that it could result in acceptance to better colleges and a better post-secondary education, which then leads to better paying jobs. Those few IQ points ultimately led to an overall advantage in opportunities going toward first-born children.

Genetics professor, Dr. Jack Frankel said, "One has no way of knowing why they [elder siblings] are smarter... There's no scientific evidence available to come to those conclusions."

He more so agrees with the nurture versus nature theory, which attributes the IQ gap to particular benefits the eldest child gets inherently because of his or her birth order.

Dr. Frank Sullo-way, a birth order and intelligence expert at the University of California, Berkeley, noted a number of theories as to why this may be. He told *Nature* that he believes first-borns get more attention from parents in comparison to their younger siblings.

He also said that older children have the pressure of greater expectations from their parents, and they often end up playing the role of tutor or second parent to their younger siblings, making them smarter in return.

Junior biology major Dominic Smith, the eldest sibling of two sisters, agreed with these factors, saying, "It [the study] is really not fair because the oldest is naturally smarter because they've been around longer."

Smith has always been a good student. He holds a 3.5 GPA, while he says his younger sister is smart but "doesn't apply herself." Smith plans on getting his M.D. and M.B.A. and hopes to open his own medical practice. His sister—a history lover—plans to attend a college like Spelman or Emory with hopes of becoming a lawyer or archaeologist.

Sydney Hargrove, a junior marketing major, has one younger sister. Hargrove also agrees with some parts of the study. "I'm definitely a lot bossier and more task-orientated than my sister."

Hargrove has a 3.98 GPA and plans on doing marketing for the fashion and beauty industry, but she doesn't consider herself smarter than her younger sibling. "She's more book smart," she said.

Hargrove's sister attends the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and is majoring in psychology with plans of becoming an occupational therapist.

There is no scientific data to back up the assertion that first-borns are actually more apt to compete with the likes of Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer or Avon CEO Andrea Jung, who are both first-borns.

Despite younger siblings generally getting left with the short end of the genetic stick, there is always room to compete and break the mold.

## Supporters' Efforts Aid Jena Six



Justin Knight - Asst. Photo Editor

Democratic Congresswoman Maxine Waters commends the efforts of Howard University students during the Jena Six Rally in Cramton Auditorium on Sept. 5.

BY VANESSA ROZIER  
Nation & World Editor

Mychal Bell, 17, had his conviction thrown out after a panel of appellate judges ruled that the case should be tried in juvenile court and that Bell should not be treated as an adult.

District Attorney Reed Walters now has a decision to make. Walters, who initially charged six teenagers in Jena, La. with attempted second-degree murder, can choose to charge Bell in juvenile court, to throw away the charges indefinitely or to appeal Friday's decision to the state supreme court.

In a statement made to the *Jena Times* after the ruling, Walters said that he plans to ask the Louisiana Supreme Court to review the decision.

"The probability that a higher court will overturn this ruling is unlikely," said radio station

personality Tony Brown. Brown broadcasts from Alexandria, La., one hour outside of Jena, and has been following the case since August 2006.

"The score is Jena, 1, Reed Walters, zero," Brown said of Friday's victory. "The score could go up to six points. It's a game for these kids' lives."

For months, supporters around the country have been planning to travel to Jena on Thursday to rally in the name of justice, as that was the date set for Bell's sentencing.

Brown said that the rally will speak out for what is left to do. "We're still going to protest because we're not done with this thing."

Now that his charges have been overturned, Bell must wait to see if Walters will appeal within two weeks before he can get released from jail.

Over 1,000 miles away

on Howard University's campus, momentum is still strong. "It's a victory, but there is still a battle to win," said Jessica Bailey, junior international business major.

Bailey is the co-volunteer chair for the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) committee for equality and social justice. The committee has been pushing to raise awareness and garner support for the Jena Six and plans to continue on that path this week, including a bus trip to Jena. "We want to make sure that everyone is still aware," she said.

Leary of the court's intentions, Sable Nelson hopes that the voices of Jena Six supporters do not get silenced. "I'm concerned that the appeals court tossing out the convictions is serving as a distraction," she said. "This could be a stunt to pacify the masses."

Nelson, a senior biology and political science double major,

is a member of the HUSA justice committee and stressed the need to continue raising funds and awareness. She hopes this ruling does not suppress the support that has been flowing into Jena for months.

"We have to do the same things to help the other five," she said. "We're talking about the Jena Six and Mychal Bell is just one of the six."

The boys, Robert Bailey, Mychal Bell, Carwin Jones, Bryant Purvis, Theodore Shaw and one unidentified juvenile, were charged with attempted second-degree murder.

Bell is the only one with dropped charges.

Jones' and Shaw's charges were lowered to attempted second-degree battery.

Bailey, Purvis and the unidentified teen are still waiting to be tried for attempted second-degree murder charges.



Jeremy Burwell - Staff Photographer

## Freshman Class Crowns New 'Royalty'

BY EBONI FARMER  
Deputy Campus Editor

Mr. and Miss Freshmen 2007-2008 Nickolas Sneed and Courtney Robinson (center) stand with the reigning title hold-

ers Melech Thomas and Dionne Vaughn.

"I did it so that I could meet new people and make more friends," Robinson, a biology major, said. "It's definitely an experience that I will carry with me."

Mr. Freshman, Nickolas Sneed, was very excited and honored that he had been selected to represent his class.

Robinson and Sneed were one of 12 freshmen who competed in the Campus Pals

sponsored pageant "Rapture: An Evening to Remember" on Saturday. Six males and six females came to showcase their talents, skills and potential in hopes of winning the titles.



# Howard and Yale Join Forces to Honor Edward A. Bouchet

BY ANAIS STRICKLAND  
Contributing Writer

"Education without common sense is like a load of books on the back of a jackass," advised keynote speaker of the Edward A. Bouchet Honor Society Forum, Dr. Julian M. Earls.

Earls is the executive in residence at Nance College of Business Administration at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio, and co-chair of the Science and Mathematics Education Policy Advisory Council for the state of Ohio.

Earls presented a speech at Howard University's School of Business auditorium on Friday which urged those in attendance to do their best at attaining their education in order to better society in the future.

Earls advised those in attendance to follow the footsteps of the first African American to receive a doctorate in physics within the United States, Edward Alexander Bouchet.

Bouchet was born on Sept. 15, 1852 in New Haven, Conn. As a youngster, he attended the New Haven High School from 1866 to 1868 and then went on to Hopkins Grammar School where he graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1870.

By the year 1874, Bouchet became the first African American to earn a Ph.D. and to graduate from Yale College.

According to Chontrese Doswell Hayes, assistant dean at the Howard University Graduate School and one of the founding members of the Edward Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

"The Bouchet Graduate Honor Society was inaugurated in September of 2005," Hayes said. "It was inaugurated between two co-founding chapters, one at Howard University and one at Yale University."

She continued, "the reason why we've come together with this unique partnership is Yale University is the alma mater of Dr. Bouchet who was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. degree from an American university, which was Yale University in 1876 in physics."

Hayes also spoke of the partnership that has formed between Dr. Bouchet's alma mater, Yale University, and Howard University which is "the nation's largest on-campus producer of African-American Ph.D. recipients."

John Mangan, assistant dean at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Yale University, views this link as being "a joint venture between Yale and Howard University."

Mangan discussed the influence of the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society around the nation.

He stated that the Honors Society has additional chapters on campuses such as Cornell, Georgetown, Michigan, Washington University and University of Washington.

"So we are already seeing this movement, to other chapters being established at other campuses," said Mangan as he shared his hopes for the spread of the Bouchet Honor Society.

"Some day it will be amazing if there were Bouchet chapters at

every university in the U.S. and then maybe we can start going abroad with it but for right now we're building slowly and deliberately and wanting to make sure that we can sustain the programs that we start and that we can move forward in a very thoughtful way."

The Edward Bouchet Graduate Honor Society harbors high hopes for the future, for the creation of more chapters and for the success of its members.

Hayes shared some of the qualities that members of the Edward Bouchet Graduate Honor Society must possess in order to be accepted.

"The Society seeks to induct a cadre of stellar student leaders all enrolled in Ph.D. small disciplines," she said. "These are students who are poised for degree

completion; they are the brightest and the best scholars and we seek to induct students who exemplify characteristics that would be befitting of Dr. Bouchet's legacy and also an important goal of the Society is to cultivate academic excellence and leadership and to promote diversity of that university."

The members of the Honor Society experience feelings of elation when bestowed with this honor.

Tehani Finch, Howard University Graduate who was a part of the inaugural class in April 2006, experienced these feelings and more when he became a part of the Society.

He admits that it was "quite an honor and a feeling of esteem."

## Scavenger Hunt Takes Freshmen on 'Campus Detour' Around the District

BY EBONI FARMER  
Deputy Campus Editor

Sprinting and jumping may seem like something from a track meet, but for freshmen participating in the Campus Detour, a spin off of "The Amazing Race," this was how they spent their Saturday.

"It was fun and now my legs hurt," said freshman political science major Domonio Smith describing the pain he felt after a long day of running around.

Team leader Jarvis Seegars described his team by jokingly saying, "We out ran cars."

Campus Detour was an initiative put together by the General Assembly and Resident Assistants in Drew Hall and Bethune Annex to help freshmen become acclimated with the Washington, D.C. area.

"It was all to help the freshmen," said sophomore political science and anthropology major Nnamdi Anozie. "A lot of the time people don't find out about places in D.C. until their senior year."

Twenty-one teams consisting of three freshmen and one upperclassman ran off in search of the answers to clues they were given.

Participants were sent out into the District and on campus.

In order to win the competition participants had to answer riddles and take pictures of their teams at various sites on and around campus.

The team that collected the most points out of 225 would be the winner.

The teams could walk, run, take the Metro or use Howard shuttles as means of transpor-

tation.

The Campus Detour hunt took the students all over the Washington, D.C. area. Exploring cultural and historical landmarks, the participants visited Thurgood Marshall's last place of employment and found the place where Abraham Lincoln saw his last play. Freshmen had plenty of sites to see throughout their scavenger hunt.

Students had a few incentives to participate. For some it was for the prizes, which included \$300 and Homecoming tickets to the team leader who won first place.

Second place winners won \$300.

"I heard there were free Homecoming tickets, so I decided to do it," said team leader and junior sports medicine major Xiomara Okonkwo. "It ended up being a lot of fun."

Others wanted to experience the District and see what it has to offer.

Freshman musical education major Tyra Flotte felt that it was great to get to see the sites of D.C.

"I know I would never have gone to the places I did if I hadn't done this scavenger hunt," she said. "It was so much fun, and it was beautiful."

Flotte said that she has become motivated to go out into the District and explore on her own.

Some teams decided that it would be wise to have members who were from D.C., making it easier to navigate the city.

"Students from the area being placed on a team gives that team a boost," freshman legal communications major Brianna

Moseley said.

Despite teams with members from the District having an upper hand, the winning teams consisted of students from Maryland and California.

Led by Kyosha Johnson, the winning team earned 143 points.

Team members included public relations major Michelle

Redmond, biology major Lynnei Barnes and Brianna Moseley.

Seegars who originally was not supposed to be team leader was glad that he helped his team explore the city and place in the competition.

"I'm very proud of my team we worked hard to get the points," Seegars said.



Freshmen participated in a scavenger hunt all across the District. Ford's Theatre, the place where Lincoln was shot and killed, was one site.

## Chapel Recap



Oscar Merriam IV - Staff Photographer

BY SHIVONNE FOSTER  
Staff Writer

Howard's own Dr. Debyii L. Sababu Thomas, associate professor at the School of Communications and Assistant Pastor of Hemingway Temple A.M.E. Church in Baltimore, Md., addressed the congregation during Sunday's chapel service following a selection of "The Blood" by the Howard University Gospel Choir.

Dean Bernard Richardson introduced Thomas as "a gift to Howard."

He explained to the congregation that Thomas sacrifices much of her time to give back to her students and the Howard community.

Thomas brought the entire congregation to its feet by singing "I know it was the Blood."

She based her sermon on three passages of scripture, "one for the Father, one for the Son and one for the Holy Spirit."

First, she referenced Esther 4:14-16, which speaks of Mordecai telling Esther to lead the Jews in fasting. Thomas also highlighted Isaiah 6:1-8 and John 15:16.

The verses of Isaiah holds the story of Isaiah being told to tell people of the Lord's forgiveness, after his own sins being atoned.

The verse found in John speaks of Jesus saying to go and bear fruit, and the Father will give you all your wants in his name.

"This is a time of messages being mixed and mangled," Thomas said. "We still are having problems in the 21st century of the divide from the color line, gender line, class line and 'Who's line is it anyway' line," Thomas said.

Thomas explained that somebody must draw the line to determine when "enough is enough" for our people in order to make a difference in this world.

She pointed out that black on black crime

and degradation of women by men may be identified as components of a 'de-revolution.'

"We should instead call each other the names of what we should be, like my king or my princess, and get over the me-myself-and-I-ism," Thomas said. "Get ready, you have a date with destiny just like Esther and Isaiah."

Thomas, when explaining that Esther and Isaiah, though from different backgrounds, both heard the call of destiny, said, "It's not about the office you hold, but about the role you model."

"Destiny is a powerful agency of thought believed to predetermine events," she said. "There is a highway that exceeds the power of self; we are not the masters of our fate, it is all a part of a divine plan by God himself."

She continued, "Who knows whether you came to Howard for such a time as this. Know that you have a date with destiny, and you better be ready."

She explained that in order to fully prepare for a date with destiny one must first be decisive, just as Esther and Isaiah, and make sound and definite decisions for the "right reason" to glorify God.

"You must also be devoted, by being dependable and loyal and there when nobody else is there," she said. "Also, you must be desirable to prepare for a date with destiny. Have God in your heart, and know that all things are beautiful in time. It's not where they start but where they end."

Chapel service also included an Installation and Commission of Student Leaders.

Nearly 100 student leaders were recognized as representatives of student organizations at Howard.

The installation service served as a kick-off to the 5th Annual Student Leadership Week.

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New York Cab Drivers' Two-Day Strike Sees No Results

BY KANITA MASON  
Contributing Writer

The two-day strike held by the New York Taxi Workers Alliance (NYTWA) earlier this month ultimately proved fruitless as cab drivers' concerns remain unaddressed.

Cab drivers in New York banned together after learning that the Taxi and Limousine Commission announced plans to install Global Positioning Systems (GPS) in all of the city's cabs despite protest from drivers.

Cab drivers around the city staged a strike on Sept. 5-6, in which they did not provide service to any tourists, commuters or city dwellers.

The strike, though causing some inconvenience, was unsuccessful because the city still managed to get plenty of non-striking cabs on the streets.

To account for those on

strike, some police officers dawned plain clothes and took the wheel behind some cabs.

The alliance represents about 10,000 New York cab drivers. Bill Lindauer, a NYTWA spokesman, said in a statement, "There are two issues. One is moral and constitutional, the other is financial."

Lindauer added, "Under the system, drivers are tracked. They're spied upon."

The problem for cab drivers is that they have to assume the financial responsibility for the systems.

Taxi workers were primarily against the installation of GPS because they did not want to assume the expense of installing the systems, and they believed the systems were an infringement on their privacy.

The strikers also feared that the credit card machines that are scheduled to accompany

the GPS could cause them not to receive payment if the machines malfunction, and they bring the risk of credit card fraud.

GPS is the only fully functional Global Navigation Satellite System. It utilizes a constellation of at least 24 medium earth orbit satellites that transmit precise microwave signals. The system enables a GPS receiver to determine its location, speed, direction and time.

The commission explains that GPS is a part of a larger scale initiative which hopes to enhance technology.

Once the initiative is fully implemented, New York cabs will feature a credit/debit card payment system, a passenger information monitor or television for the riders viewing pleasure, a trip sheet automation that is the equivalent to GPS and text messaging for the driver that will flash from the commission when the



New York cab drivers showed their discontent with the Taxi and Limousine Commission earlier this month when they staged a strike on Sept. 5-6 to protest the commission's plans to install GPS in all of the city's taxis.

cab is stopped or slowed down.

A Washington, D.C. cab driver, who gave the name Muhammad, said, "I understand these drivers' pain. If this was mandatory in the District and I had to pay for it, I would have a problem with it too. Also, it is definitely too easy to spy on us. We deserve our privacy as well."

Many drivers said that they will strike again if necessary.

Personal Breathalyzers for Sale, Not Just for Police

BY GORDON DICKSON  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

FORT WORTH, Texas — Amy LeJune didn't feel tipsy when she blew into a personal breathalyzer.

But in just a few seconds, the sleek, cell phone-size device beeped and displayed her blood-alcohol level, which was 0.06 — perilously close to Texas' 0.08 limit, which would mean certain arrest if she were stopped by police while driving home.

"I don't feel like I'm drunk at all," said the Grand Prairie woman, who on a recent evening took the breath test in the stairwell of downtown Fort Worth's Pour House, where she had consumed three beers. "I would think I could drive right now. I wouldn't have any hesitation getting in the car, which is kind of scary."

Alcohol breath-test machines, the tools of police and probation officers, are becoming a hit with social drinkers. Consumer versions of the same technology used by officers for decades to measure blood-alcohol concentration are now small enough to fit into a pocket or purse. The price has dropped because high-tech improvements since 2004 have made them cheaper to manufacture.

But critics warn that making it easier for people to check their own sobriety doesn't necessarily make the streets safer. "It gives people a false sense of security," said Misty Moyse, spokeswoman for Mothers Against Drunk Driving's national headquarters in Irving, Texas. "Alcohol affects people differently, and impairment begins with the first drink."

And just because the gadgets are now easy to carry around doesn't mean they're easy to use. A Fort Worth Star-Telegram test of one model showed that the instrument, while technically accurate, was

tricky to operate and sometimes gave misleading results.

"I think if they can afford it, and they will use it correctly, it will be a very valuable tool," said Steven Kleypas, who oversees the breath-alcohol training program at the Tarrant County College Northwest Campus. "The problem is, they tend to use it as a play toy, and it's very easy to damage one."

In many cities, police oppose the personal breath-test gadgets. They suspect that many drivers wouldn't know how to interpret the results.

"It's easy to fool yourself. You could be impaired even if you're not over or at the legal limit," said Christy Gilfour, an Arlington, Texas, police spokeswoman. "If 0.08 is the legal limit, does that mean 0.07 is OK to drive? It's good for people to be educated about the effects of alcohol, but it would not be wise for them to try to educate themselves while in an inebriated state."

Advocates of the gadgets say people ought to be able to test themselves before they get into trouble. They note that plenty of agencies use essentially the same technology to test suspected alcohol abusers after the fact. Drunken-driving offenders in Texas and elsewhere often must install interlocking devices on their ignition, requiring them to blow into a machine before their car will start. Some shelters require the homeless to blow into a device before entry. Employers use the instruments to test workers in safety-sensitive jobs — a forklift driver, for example.

While police typically can't use the results of handheld machines in court, they can use the devices to get probable cause of intoxication and make an arrest — then take the suspect for a more formal, court-enforceable test later at the police station.

Despite MADD's official



Police officers check a driver with a breathalyzer to check alcohol levels. Now, the public can purchase personal breathalyzers and get an idea of their blood alcohol level before getting behind the wheel. Some worry that inaccurate interpretations of the results may give drivers a false sense of security.

position against the personal machines, at least one MADD chapter in Arizona uses such a device to monitor drunken-driving offenders attending a court-mandated meeting with victims. One of the requirements of the sessions is that the offenders should not show up with booze on their breath.

Restaurateurs and others who serve drinks say the breath testers could ultimately reduce alcohol-related fatalities. Giving people as much information as possible about the effects of alcohol logically would make for a more educated and responsible society, said Sarah Longwell, spokeswoman for the

Washington-based American Beverage Institute. The institute represents restaurants and other businesses that serve drinks, and it generally believes that moderate drinkers aren't a safety threat behind the wheel.

"It allows people to clearly understand the law, and the distinction between responsible drinking and driving, and drunk driving," she said. "What's wrong with people understanding what 0.08 means? Right now, a 120-pound woman who has two glasses of wine can be 0.08, and she's punished at the same level as a big guy who's had 15 beers and is driving with a BAC of 0.15."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AVAILABILITY:  
Many are sold online, while others can be found in catalogs or electronic stores.

WHAT IS IT?  
A personal breathalyzer is a battery-operated device that calculates how much alcohol is in a person's bloodstream by analyzing air from deep inside the lungs.

HOW DOES IT WORK?  
The user typically must refrain from eating, drinking or smoking for 15 to 20 minutes, to avoid getting a false reading or damaging the instrument's sensors. The user turns on the machine, takes a deep breath and exhales for about five seconds into a small sensor. A digital reading usually appears within seconds.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?  
Several models can be bought for \$80 to \$140.



Langston Golf Course attracts the District's black golfers to its green hills.

Black Golfers Putt Around in D.C.

BY KANITA MASON  
Contributing Writer

The essence of business and entrepreneurship is finding a need and fulfilling it. In the 1920s and before, there was a need in the District for an African-America golf course that many residents felt needed to be filled.

So, a group of individuals started working to fill this need. In the mid 1930s, ground was broken and construction began on Langston Golf Course.

The course, located at 28th and Benning Road in Northeast Washington, D.C., was named after John Mercer Langston.

He was a black leader of conviction and influence, a visionary reformer and an accomplished statesman and lawyer, according to the Oberlin Through History Web site.

In an effort to draw in

more players, the nine-hole golf course offers much more than just a green, open field to hit golf balls.

The course also has a pro shop that sells everything from balls and clubs to Langston logo clothing; a snack bar that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner; and a full range of services for community and corporate outings.

These outings include golf packages for nine or 18 holes, food and beverage packages, driving range packages, golf school packages and beverage cart service.

The golf course also includes a golf school, known as the Capital City Golf School. They offer group lessons, private lessons, junior lessons and women's lessons, which are each tailored based on individual needs.

There are two courses to choose from, the 9 and the 18.

On Monday through Thursday, nine holes are \$15 and 18 are \$22. There are discounts for senior citizens and children.

On Fridays through Sundays and holidays, nine holes are \$18 and 18 holes are \$27.

Prices for the carts are broken down by gas carts and pull carts. It is \$9 to rent a club.

For those that choose to golf at Langston, it is a staple for their daily livelihood.

"I love going to visit this wonderful course frequently," said Marcia James, a resident of the District. "I was first introduced to it through a friend, but now you can't tear me away."

She said that not only is the golfing atmosphere perfect for her, but everyone is always so friendly and goes out of their way to make her feel welcome.

"It's like I'm home when I'm there," she said.

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## Service Offers Free, Legal Music Downloads

BY SIMONE PRINGLE  
Staff Writer

The cost of peer-to-peer lawsuits for illegal downloading is quickly rising as more college students are being sued by the music industry, but now students can obey the law and download music for free.

On Jan. 22, Ruckus.com, a free, legal downloading site geared specifically toward college students, opened its music library to college students with a valid .edu e-mail address.

Director of Corporate Development for Ruckus.com Chris Lawson said the Ruckus library contains over three million songs.

While this is smaller than the iTunes store, Lawson said, "If you've got 200 songs on your computer now that you're going to have for the next three years, you've saved yourself \$200 and to think, most people have many more songs than 200."

Already, they have partnered with several area colleges to raise their services.

"Three weeks ago, we launched University of Maryland at College Park, and various other Maryland universities [have contracts with us.] We also have agreements with George Mason University."

Ruckus has attempted to form a partnership with Howard as well.

"Howard has been approached before," Lawson said. "It's come to the attention of many more administrations that illegal downloading is a problem so it's easier to work with administration. We've seen a lot of success in the D.C. area."

Lawson also said that the library's expansion is constant and a

gradual process.

"Because we have all the major record labels and quite a few indie labels as well, we had the majority of the music that people want. There's music that could be from another country, another part of the world, but then again, we have what's current, what's popular, what students are looking for," Lawson said.

But there's no such thing as a free lunch. Ruckus.com has a few issues that Lawson says the company is working to remedy.

"We would like to be compatible with all Macs. Apple has chosen to block the kind of technology we use and has chosen to make their technology the preferred type chosen. But Ruckus works perfectly on Macs that can run Windows," Lawson said.

Ruckus music files are not compatible with the iPod. Other portable music players, such as models made by companies like Samsung, SanDisk and RCA, are compatible, but students would have to pay anywhere from 79 to 99 cents per song.

But Lawson says students have another option.

"For a \$5 monthly fee or \$19.99 for a semester, students can sign up for Ruckus To Go. This service allows students to purchase music to put on their compatible player."

Sophomore international business major Ronald Johnson doesn't see this as a problem. "The service would still be worth it to me, because I play a lot of my songs directly from my computer when I am in my room," he said.

Many students might be curious as to what happens upon graduation. "At the end of your scholastic career, if you want to continue using Ruckus, we have an alumni network,"



Romaine Blangart - Detroit Free Press

Ruckus.com, which premiered on Jan. 22, is a college-geared legal downloading site. Several colleges in the D.C. metro area currently use their services offering users free music downloads.

Lawson said.

These services are available for a \$9 per month fee for alumni and faculty use. Similar services like Rhapsody and Napster are about \$13.99 and \$14.99.

"We realize college graduates aren't exactly rich so we made the fee is affordable as possible," Lawson said.

Senior biology major Michael James isn't persuaded.

"Assuming all is true though, including this catch of it being free until you graduate, I still would not do it because there really is no going back when it comes to consumer satisfaction," he said.

He added, "I do not think Ruckus is worth the jump. If you give

me something, I probably will not take very kindly to it being taken away. I would rather keep my hopes at a stable level."

Freshman public relations major Brittney Oliver, who says she uses iTunes because of the gift card option, said she doesn't like the time limit of her usage of free music.

"Ruckus to me is not a good deal if it is free now, but not free later. It makes no sense, because most people will deactivate the account after using it for four years," she said.

However, seeing the number of lawsuits against students, Johnson agrees that Ruckus.com could be an answer to the illegal downloading problem facing many students and universi-

ties today.

"I have never heard of Ruckus but I think that it does point a finger in the right direction to find solutions to illegal downloading," he said. "If a site offers free downloads I'm all for it. Since Ruckus does this but legally I think that this is where other companies should move toward."

Lawson encourages students to believe the hype and check out the Ruckus' application on Facebook.

He said, "Students think 'it's too good to be true.' But we license all the music directly from the record companies. Our profits come from advertising. There's no spyware, no viruses. It's completely free, legal music."

## Study Links Drinking, Money

BY SHANDRILYA LEWIS  
Contributing Writer

There have been many instances when the phrase, "You are such an alcoholic," has been overheard on a college campus. Friends loosely say the phrase to one another without much thought or hesitation...almost as much as they thoughtlessly consume alcoholic beverages.

This leads to an important question. When does college drinking stop being a type of social hobby and start becoming a real problem?

"There are a lot of 'social drinkers' in college. You know it starts to get out of hand when you began to depend on the alcohol as a type of release," said Rashid Hughes, a sophomore music engineering major.

Alcoholism and college campuses have been synonymously linked because of the freedom students get from being away from home.

Due to the fact that alcoholism contributes to over 100,000 injuries on college campuses in the U.S. and an assortment of other issues such as date rape and death, the cause has been speculated by many.

Tori McGhee, a junior business management major, believes that stress is a major contributor to the consumption of alcohol on college campuses.

"Students struggle with various other stress-related situations. Drinking is a way to kick back and get your mind off these situations," she said.

Although stress may be a factor when it comes to drinking, freshman biology major Daria Robinson thinks that it's about peer pressure. "There are a lot of weak-minded people out there who believe if everyone drinks, they should too."

Jarred McKee, a junior psychology major has another outlook on the situation.

"People are just plain ignorant. Most of the people who drink until they lose themselves have no idea why they drink so much," he said.

Although senior international business major Adam Cooper feels that friends may play a factor when it comes to drinking a little, he believes peer pressure has nothing to do with extreme drinking.

"I feel that the cause of extensive drinking is way beyond peer pressure," he said. "It's primarily people wanting to do something risky and against the norm. Some people want to stand out so much that they abuse alcohol."

Considering almost everyone knows someone who goes overboard while drinking, a question arises as to why no one stops that person before it is too late.

"I tell my friend not

to drink but, he never listens," Robinson added.

McKee feels when you're in college, you tend to be less concerned with things like that.

"We're all grown. I could express concern to my friend about drinking too much and it'll go in one ear and out of the other," he said.

A recent study made by the Medical Council on Alcohol, printed in the Oxford University Press, found that alcoholism stems primarily from a poor economic background. When asked what they thought about the study, Howard students each had various opinions on the study.

Hughes thinks that to stereotype people based on their economic status is wrong. "These studies are crazy. They're just another set of assumptions made towards the black race. The majority of African Americans are in the poor working class but that doesn't mean their chance of being an alcohol abuser is higher...that's just crazy," he said.

Despite students' strong opinions toward the subject, awareness of the affects of alcohol abuse is something that is becoming more prevalent on college campuses.

Howard, along with many other campuses, offers a Drug and Alcohol Program to students.



Beth Balbierz - The Record (MCT)

Aerie, a chain of American Eagle Outfitters, offers a line of stylish dorm wear for college men and women.

## American Eagle Offers Lingerie Alternatives

BY JOAN VERDON  
The Record (MCT)

Teen apparel chain American Eagle Outfitters Inc. has a strategy for tapping into the lucrative lingerie market: create a clothing category called "dorm wear" and build a store around it.

American Eagle named the new concept Aerie (spelled all lowercase on signs, ads and shopping bags) They opened the first store a year ago in Greenville, S.C.

The company is moving rapidly to build the brand. It opened its 15th Aerie store this week at Westfield Garden State Plaza in Paramus, N.J., and it plans to have 40 stores nationwide by the end of this year.

With Aerie, American Eagle is taking a different approach to the lingerie market.

It is creating a store that combines casual clothing and sleepwear with bras and undergarments, rather than going the route of rivals such as Victoria's Secret or Gap Body and creating a lingerie-only shop.

"I think it's a brilliant, distinctive presentation," said Candace Corlett, a partner in WSL Strategic Retail, a con-

sulting firm based in Manhattan. She praised American Eagle executives for not just opening another lingerie store. "Why go head to head when you can do an end-run?" Corlett said. "There isn't anyone out there that has a focus on this new category of dormwear. They've created a new retail niche."

Victoria's Secret has branched into dormwear as well, with its Pink brand of sweatpants, sweatshirts and pajamas, but bras and thongs still have center stage in their stores.

American Eagle executives say the look Aerie is trying for is "sweetly sexy," rather than the more blatant sex appeal of the competition.

Dormwear was inspired by female college students who about 10 years ago began wearing flannel pajama bottoms and sweatpants to class.

The category now includes items such as leggings, camisoles and baby-doll nightgowns worn with shorts or pants as long tops. Prices range from \$5 undies to \$15 T-shirts and \$29 pajama pants and hooded sweatshirts.

The intimate apparel and sleepwear market for

women and girls ages 13 to 24 is expanding.

Sales increased 7.8 percent in 2005 and 9 percent in 2006, topping \$4 billion last year, according to market research firm The NPD Group.

"We actually have been selling underwear and some dormwear in our stores for some years now, but we've never broken it out this far," Carmen Blanco, East Zone vice president for American Eagle, said on Thursday as she helped open the Paramus store.

Aerie's merchandise is designed to appeal to "Katie," the prototypical customer American Eagle executives created to define the store. "She's 15 to 25 years old. She's a high school or college student and enjoys her friends. She has hobbies and enjoys sports. She's an active, fun-loving girl," Blanco said.

Nina Gallo of Wyckoff, N.J., one of the first shoppers in the Paramus store, predicted the new concept would be a hit with her granddaughters and other young women.

"The merchandise is well put together and it looks comfy," she said. "And," added her sister-in-law, Fran DeVita of Wyckoff, "it's all within the girls' price range."



Darius Lyles - Staff Photographer

In a new study done by the Medical Council on Alcohol, it was found that economic status is a pre-disposition for alcoholism. Howard students are very opinionated on the issue of drinking.



## Bison Left Chasing the FAMU Rattlers' Quick Moves

BY MATTHEW COOPER  
Deputy Sports Editor

The old saying "speed kills" applied to the demise of the Bison on Saturday night.

Howard could not keep up with a lightning-fast Florida A&M offense, and failed to contain the swarming defense as the Rattlers (1-2, 1-1 MEAC) ran away with the win over the Bison (0-2, 0-2 MEAC) 30-17 in Tallahassee, Fla.

FAMU freshman tailback Philip Sylvester was unstoppable, gaining 198 of his 222 rushing yards in the first half.

Facing third and six at Florida A&M's six yard line, the Bison were hoping for a stop to get the ball back before halftime.

Instead, Sylvester burst through a gaping hole to gallop 94 yards down the sideline, to stretch the lead to 20-10 and ignite the Rattlers to victory.

"Howard thought we were going to try and just go into the half, but we trying to score every time we touch the ball," Sylvester said about the run.

Howard's run defense had no answer to Sylvester, giving up huge chunks of yardage on his runs. He finished the game with 222 yards on 21 carries.

Sylvester had more yards rushing than the entire Bison offense.

"We didn't think they were going to be able to run the ball on us like they did," said middle linebacker Endor Cooper, who led the Bison defense with 13 tackles. "We made adjustments to slow the run down in the second half."

Despite clamping down on the run game in the second half, the Rattlers' mobile quarterback Albert Chester II slipped away from the Bison defense on many occasions, breaking tackles and sprinting past linemen and linebackers to zip the ball down field.

He took advantage of the Bison defense missing its top defensive back, All-MEAC cornerback Thomas Claijborn, who was out of the game with a shoulder injury.

Chester finished the game with 180 yards

passing and two touchdowns, plus 47 yards rushing.

Although the game resulted in a loss, the Bison's offense started out with a bang.

They took the opening drive 80 yards

down the field, with quarterback Brian Johnson leading the way down the field with running and passing.

Defensive back Martin Corniffe's 29-yard run on a fake punt fooled the Rattlers and outed

Howard in the end zone, where Johnson capitalized with a 19-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jarahn Williams.

Then FAMU's defense went into second gear and shut down the Bison offense.

The Bison running game was inefficient the whole time, as the Rattlers clogged up running lanes inside the tackles, and chased down runners on sweeps and tosses.

Johnson was the center of attention for the Rattler defense, as they blitzed from every corner of the field, terrorizing an overmatched Bison offensive line to allow Johnson no room to improvise.

Johnson was mobbed by the defense, being sacked five times, two times each by speedy defensive end Tyrone McGriff and diminutive linebacker Dannel Shepard.

"We have been practicing all week for Johnson," Shepard said. "Coach told [us] he is the head of the offense, and if you knock off the head, the rest of the body is no good."

Johnson, who finished with 126 yards passing and 2 touchdowns, said "They were bringing everybody. The plan defensively was to contain me."

Howard went on a 52-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter, where Johnson found Williams in the corner of the end zone for a three-yard touchdown.

Cornerback Theodore Graham IV recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff at the FAMU 26 yard line.

Howard was still unable to convert the field position into a score, after quarterback Floyd Haigler, who entered the game after Johnson bruised his hand on a sack, threw an interception.

"We took a tremendous step backward," Head Coach Carey Bailey said. "We are not playing smart football. There were several critical errors today."

The Bison will try to get their first win of the season next week when they play against Eastern Michigan on their home field Saturday at 3 p.m.



The Bison fell to the FAMU Rattlers on Saturday in a quick-paced game that left Howard running up and down the field. Above, senior defensive linebacker Rudy Hardie stumbles for the ball in efforts that proved unsuccessful.

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## Indiana State Drops Lady Bison Soccer on the Road

Kelli Johnson scored the lone goal against Indiana State as Howard dropped a 4-1 contest to the Sycamores Friday afternoon at the Penguin Classic.

Indiana State held a 3-1 lead until Johnson scored the unassisted goal in the 75th minute to get the Lady Bison on the board.

Erin Bianchi added a consolation goal for the Sycamores in the 84th minute to seal the win for ISU.

Howard (0-5) resumes play at the Penguin Classic on Sunday with a non-conference match up against Youngstown-State at 1 p.m.

-Sports Information

## Lady Bison Volleyball Loses to GW, Still Has No Wins

The Lady Bison were downed 3-0 (30-22, 30-27, 30-25) versus Hartford and lost a 3-0 (14, 30-17, 30-10) decision against East Carolina. GW blanked Howard 3-0 (30-23, 30-26, 30-14) in its final contest of the tourney. The team is now 0-11 for the season.

The host Colonials won by the scores 30-23, 30-26, 30-14 in one hour, 22 minutes. GW finished as runners-up to tournament champion ECU, which won all three of its matches during the weekend.

Freshman Gazelle d'Artois was named to the George Washington All-Tournament team as announced on Sept. 15. The Lady Bison went 0-3 at the invite and dropped matches against Hartford, ECU and the host Colonials.

d'Artois had a double-double of 22 assists and 14 digs against Hartford on Sept. 14. The California native added 12 assists, 5 digs and 4 kills versus East Carolina and 15 assists plus a match-high 6 block assists against George Washington.

This was the second straight win for George Washington.

Howard (0-11) hosts Navy on Tuesday in a non-conference match up beginning at 6 p.m. in Burr Gymnasium.

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Freshman Gazelle d'Artois is the third member of the Lady Bison volleyball team to be named to an All-Tournament team. She was named as a member of the George Washington All-Tournament team on Saturday.

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## Bush Plans Troop Return, No Outline For Ending War

In his Sept. 13 speech, President Bush announced plans to begin bringing troops back from Iraq with the goal of seeing 21,500 troops return home by July. The first benchmark is to see 5,700 return to the United States by Christmas.

This sounds like great news to the American people. However, in January 2007, Bush ignored public opinion polls as well as lawmakers by deploying a surge of 21,500 troops in addition to the troops that had already been deployed.

If we do the math, we see the problem, or at least a portion of it.

American troops returning in such large numbers is a push in the right direction, but Bush's plan fails to leave much of an impact when the number of deployed troops will go back to what it was in January of this year. The number of deployed troops at that time was 130,000 according to Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I.

In addition, during his speech, Bush never detailed a concrete plan on ending the war before the conclusion of his term and the beginning of the next president's time in office.

During his speech, Bush said, "This vision for a reduced American presence also has the support of Iraqi leaders from all communities. At the same time,

they understand that their success will require U.S. political, economic and security engagement that extends beyond my presidency."

There have been numerous successes in Iraq, but Bush's recent speech has raised the issue that it appears as if he plans to leave whichever candidate that takes office next to clean up the mess that unsuccessful endeavors have left in the war-torn Middle Eastern nation.

in Bush's dwindling time in office.

President Bush acknowledging the fact that it was under his own guidance that the situation in Iraq has created a conundrum for his successor would be welcome words instead of platitudes about American success in Iraq, despite the fact that billions of dollars are spent on the war and there seems to be no end in sight. Saving face appears to be more important at the moment.

President Bush concluded his speech by saying "Some say the gains we are making in Iraq come too late. They are mistaken. It is never too late to deal a blow to al Qaeda. It is never too late to

advance freedom. And it is never too late to support our troops in a fight they can win."

While it is true that it may never be too late to fight for freedom and to end terrorism, Bush and the current administration need to focus on doing those things in their own term instead of setting up the next president to do so.

If that cannot be done, Bush could at least try his hand at outlining a plan to end a war that many would agree America started, instead of fighting the same old fight with fewer troops on the ground.

**Our View:**  
**President Bush needs to be more accountable for his decisions in the war.**

If the next president is a Democrat and decides to pull troops out of Iraq or another tragedy occurs similar to that of 9/11, he or she will be looked at as mishandling the conflict in Iraq and ultimately with losing a war. The same situation could just as easily occur to a Republican candidate.

Either way, there is no way to justify basing our next president's approval rating on how they handle the fallout of the current president's decisions. Unfortunately, Americans may be faced with that situation since there is little more than a year left

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All programs will began promptly at 6:52 in the

Founder's Library Browsing Room. Business casual attire.

SBSC Presents

"The Ultimate Upgrade"  
SBSC Week 2007

Monday  
9/17/07  
Back to Business: The Ultimate Jamboree  
School of B Lobby  
11am - 3pm

Tuesday  
9/18/07  
"One Noble Night: A Majestic Affair" Pageant  
7pm  
Blackburn Ballroom

Wednesday  
9/19/07  
Organization is Key to Ultimate Success  
2 - 4pm  
SB Lobby

Thursday  
9/20/07  
Upgrade you Class  
SB Student Lounge  
5 - 7pm

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**ONE NIGHT ONLY**

The Mr. and Miss School of Communications Pageant  
September 17th - 7pm - Blackburn Ballroom